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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Irritating Obstacle

THE ordinary onlooker, far removed from the actual scene of deliberations, does not find it easy to share the latest outburst of enthusiastic optimism concerning a successful outcome of the Korean truce talks at Panmunjom. Nevertheless, it would appear that better informed officials in Washington have reason for their expressed expectation of an armistice being concluded by the end of April. Moreover, it is of some importance that the United Nations organisation is planning a special meeting of the General Assembly for the specific purpose of discussing the political future of Korea following a truce agreement. Only nine paragraphs of a draft treaty, it has been emphasised by a news agency, remain in dispute. But within those paragraphs are clauses which to date have produced an obstinacy of viewpoint from both sides.

Chief stumbling block to progress in the negotiations has been the question of prisoners of war exchange. The Communists have been obdurate in their demand that there should be total exchange of prisoners, with no strings attached. The United Nations have all along favoured a man-for-man exchange. They have also felt duty bound to consider the individual feelings of the prisoners they hold—whether any of them prefer not to go back to the Communist-controlled areas of Korea. The UN Command cannot ignore the several voluntary manifestations of anti-Communist feelings which have come from large numbers of prisoners, and fears for their future safety are not wholly allayed by the Communists' offer of immunity to former Red soldiers who, since their captivity, have changed their political ideas. In general, however, it appears somewhat ridiculous that full agreement on an armistice should be stymied by an issue such as the exchange of POWs. Clearly there is an urgent need for some sort of formula that will provide an acceptable compromise.

In the Washington reports are well founded the United Nations Command has worked out what is described as a "face-saving agreement." Its conditions have not been made public, but it is conceivably based on the proposition that the exchange should be total (thus meeting the essential Communist requirement) but that prisoners in Allied hands should retain the right to choose whether they prefer to return to North Korea or to be released and remain south of the 38th Parallel. If the Reds can be persuaded this represents a fair compromise, a major obstacle will have been overcome. The Communists have no sound reason for rejecting the proposal. The object of an armistice is to pave the way for permanent peace in Korea, and for the Reds to prevent a truce being concluded by sustained opposition to compromise proposals merely suggests that they are not genuinely interested in the Korean problem being resolved. The challenge to the Communists' good intentions remains as great today as when the armistice negotiations first began.

Expeditions Banned

London, Apr. 14. The Indian Government has banned two expeditions to the Himalayas which Oxford and Cambridge scientists intended making this summer. It was learned here today.—United Press.

HK DOCKYARD WORKERS' CLAIM DISALLOWED Explanation Given In Commons

London, Apr. 14. A dispute after the last war over the question of non-payment of Colonial allowances to certain Admiralty Dockyard workers captured by the Japanese while serving in the Hongkong Dockyard Defence Force, was the subject of a short adjournment debate in the House of Commons, just before the Easter recess.

Mr A. H. Albu (Labour), who raised the matter, said he had been asked to do so by the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

He explained that these normally home-based employees, when serving abroad, received, in addition to their normal civil pay, a supplementary allowance paid in local currency to compensate them for extra cost of living. When in 1940 the men in question joined the Dockyard Defence Corps, they were assured that they would continue to receive ordinary rates of pay and colonial allowances.

When, after the war, those who survived the hardships of Japanese internment returned to England and applied for arrears of wages and colonial allowances, the payment of the allowances was disallowed.

Mr Albu said the argument was that the Admiralty were unaware of the conditions existing in the area at the time and did not anticipate that the Colony would be captured.

But in answer to a query a few days before the surrender of the Colony to the Japanese, the Admiralty had sent a signal confirming that pay and allowances would be paid by the Government to men who joined the Defence Corps.

BLAMES ADMIRALTY

Mr Albu maintained that the Admiralty must have known the critical position of the Colony at the time and should have taken into account the possibility that the men might be captured.

Negotiations over the matter ended in 1948 in the Admiralty agreeing to pay the allowances from the date they joined until the date of their internment by the Japanese.

Mr W. J. Edwards (Labour), Civil Lord to the Admiralty in the Labour Government, said he accepted responsibility for the decision which was taken in this matter.

What had been asked for was something more than the soldiers and sailors received who were taken prisoner of war and, indeed, more than the civilian employees received who were interned by the Japanese in Singapore.

It was an attempt to obtain professional treatment for a small group of men over a large number of others.

SAME DECISION

He hoped the present Civil Lord would agree that the men referred to have been treated every bit as well as other men employed by the Admiralty. He saw no reason why they should have preferential treatment because of a signal that might have been sent wrongly under the difficult conditions existing at that time.

Mr Wingford Digby, Civil Lord to the Admiralty, said he had reached the same decision on the matter as had the previous Civil Lord (Mr Edwards).

The real issue was whether these people should be given better treatment than any other soldier or civilian who fell into the hands of the Japanese.

This matter had been exhaustively and sympathetically examined over a matter of five years, and he (the Civil Lord) could not see sufficient reason to reverse the decision of the previous Government.

He did not believe the Government would be justified in giving these men better treatment than was given to soldiers, airmen, and other civilians who were captured unless there was a "certain" case for taking such action. He did not think such a case had been made out.—Reuter.

Hunter Killed In Accident

Brussels, Apr. 14. An American gorilla hunter, William Said, was killed yesterday in an accident at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, according to press reports reaching here today.—United Press.

Royalty In Washington



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, accompanied by her husband Prince Bernhard, walks down the steps of the Senate building in Washington during their American visit.—London Express.

Tunisian Mob Hurl Hand Grenade And Stones At Police

Tunis, Apr. 14. Tunisian Nationalist demonstrators today hurled a grenade and stones at police outside the home of the new Premier, Salah Eddine Baccouche, and stoned the new Labour Minister in his car here.

Police opened fire and injured three demonstrators in the crowd from which the British-type grenade was thrown. It did not explode.

Fire Ends Attempt To Sail Ocean

Dublin, Apr. 14.

The 80-year-old sailing ketch St Austelina in which Kevin Lawler started what he thought was to be a lone voyage across the Atlantic to New York, caught fire and burned off the Irish coast today.

"Eskimos do not eat sugar and they subsist without it," Bombard argued. "It follows that if you have enough fat and protein and drink enough, the body will isolate its own sugar."

Bombard said plankton, a vegetable growth found abundantly in salt water, is a strong anti-scurvy agent. He hopes to draw this from the water and combat the disease most dreaded by shipwrecked men suffering from malnutrition.—Reuter.

"It all happened in a flash," Lawler told rescuers. There was no explanation for the fire which virtually destroyed the ketch.—Associated Press.

Escaped Chimpanzee Has A Gay Time

Los Angeles, Apr. 14. Dick, a chimpanzee, was put back into his cage at Griffith Park Zoo after proving himself a champ to several would-be human tigers during a three-hour tour of freedom.

The nine-year-old, 100-lb. chimp escaped from his cage and scattered spectators as he took off. He bowed over three men and doffed a couple of ears with his hairy fist. He spat out the contents of a bottle of "dope" given to him by frantic zoo keepers who wanted to put him out of action with a sleeping potion.

Although the sleeping potion did not completely quiet the beast, it tired him so that toward darkness he sat down in a melancholy reflection on the damage he had wrought.—United Press.

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"First," she said, "I had four feet of water in my house. So I moved to my father's house. The water came in there and I moved to my grandmother's. Well, there is water there now and I am ready to clear out altogether."

South Sioux City is almost deserted and nearly all the citizens have moved out; most of them to Sioux City. It will be abandoned completely before long.

I hitched a pick-a-back ride

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Floods Due To Strike Sioux City

Today THE MISSOURI ON RAMPAGE

Sioux City, Iowa, Apr. 14. The mud brown crest of the Missouri River bore down on Sioux City today while refugees abandoned whole towns in the surrounding area in the greatest mass evacuation this part of the Missouri Valley has ever seen.

The crest is due to hit this city of 85,000 people at 6 p.m. GMT. Murky flood waters have already seeped to the edge of the business district and has covered the river-front stock-yards and packing areas.

The Mayor has ordered all business firms to close shop immediately except drug stores, doctors' offices, restaurants, radio stations and newspapers, to ease the strain on sewage pumps.

Elsewhere along the River in both Iowa and Nebraska, refugees, like those in a war zone, fled in trucks and automobiles, aboard trains and on foot.

An estimated 40,000 people, along the river have forsaken their homes and businesses to flee the river's merciless advance.

Thus far there has been ample warning and, therefore, no drownings and only a few slight injuries have been sustained in the evacuation.

The Missouri, a river gone wild on its worst rampage in history, was on the rise all the way from North Sioux City, South Dakota, to St. Joseph, Missouri, and has spilled over thousands of acres of rich farmland on its winding way southward between the agricultural States of Iowa and Nebraska.

The River has made virtual ghost towns of North Sioux City, South Sioux City and suburban riverside Iowa where the corners of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota touch.

PEN PICTURE
A vivid pen picture of the floods is given by United Press correspondent Richard McFarland reporting from Sioux City:

rode today in a "mercy train" that made hourly trips across the boiling Missouri River loaded with evacuees from South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Our train, made up of a locomotive, freight car and passenger car, ran across the Burlington railroad bridge every hour to bring the homeowners to safety at dry Sioux City.

Haggard and red-eyed, one citizen summed up the town's feelings in these words:

"The entire town will be flooded if the river goes over the bridge. The people have been courageous but what can we do?"—United Press.

2 Killed In Nazareth Incident

Tel Aviv, Apr. 14. Two persons were killed and three injured seriously when Catholic Boy Scouts and Moslem youths clashed in the streets of Nazareth today.

The Military Governor immediately imposed a curfew. The police arrested a number of Communists believed responsible for inciting the clashes.

A military spokesman in Tel Aviv described the clashes as a "minor local incident" and said precautionary measures had been taken to prevent further disturbances.

Reports from Nazareth said "certain elements" had tried to disturb the normal Easter celebrations by a demonstration at the beginning of last week. Officials have not explained how the incident started, but they believed a quarrel among a few boys spread when "certain persons who came to Nazareth for the purpose from the outside tried to fish in troubled waters", provoking Catholic Scouts.

The authorities believed the curfew would be lifted tomorrow morning. They added that Nazareth was normally a military area and had been under military jurisdiction since 1948.—United Press.

Wage Increases Wanted

Margate, Apr. 14. The British Shop Assistants Union today told its leaders to press for substantial wage increases.

A delegate meeting, representing 350,000 members, gave unanimous backing to a resolution calling for rises and condemning the Conservative Government's economic policy.

They declared they would work to get the Labour Party returned to power.—Reuter.

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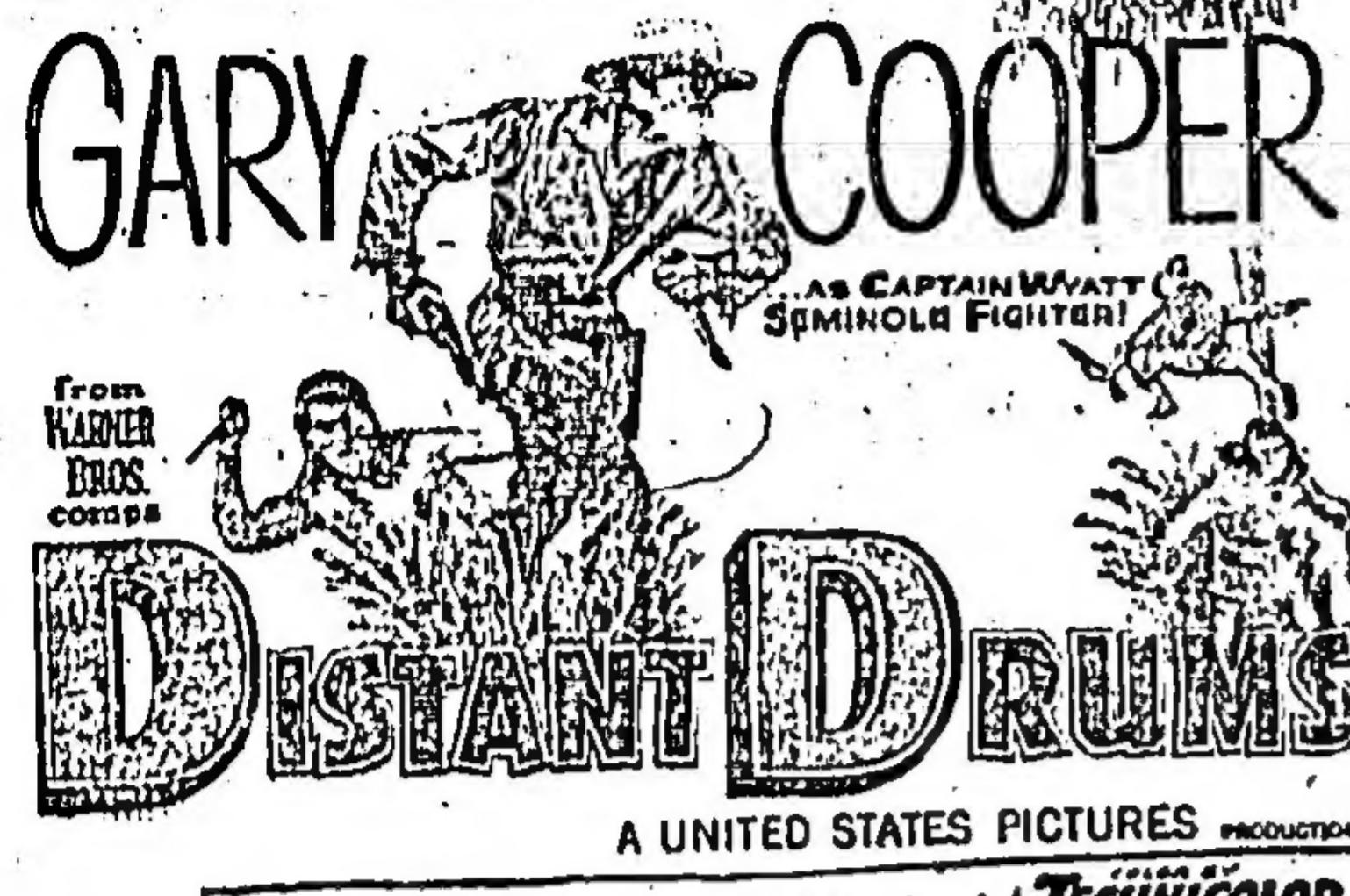
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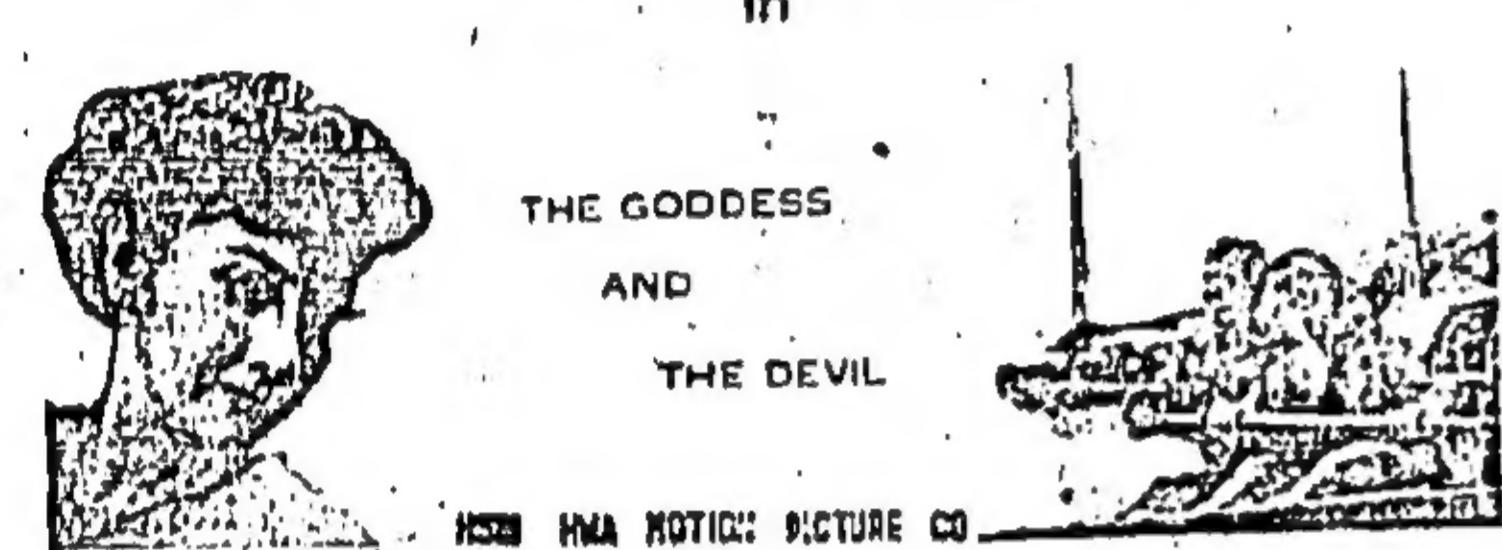
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Donations may be addressed to the Hon. Treasurer, Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, P.O. Box 2002, or to the news papers.

A CHANGE MAY BE MADE IN TITLE OF QUEEN



Emir Abdallah (right), Prince Regent of Iraq, walks from the plane at London Airport with his nephew, King Feisal, after the latter had welcomed him on his arrival. The young King, who is at school in England, receives periodical visits from his uncle. — Express Service.

Bomb Tests In Nevada

Las Vegas, Apr. 14. Troops are arriving to participate in new nuclear tests by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The first of several contingents reached Camp Desert Rock yesterday. Other units are arriving today and tomorrow. Army units due to take part in the exercises include men who have just completed a two-month joint Army-Air Force manoeuvres at Fort Hood, Texas.

Marine Corps contingents will also take part.

Reporters have been invited by the Commission to witness one of the detonations. — Reuter.

"Confidence Loan" To Be Launched

Paris, Apr. 14. The first "confidence loan" of the French Government, testing Premier Pinay's belief that he can get Frenchmen to lend the State some of the estimated 4,000,000,000 francs of gold in hidden private stocks, will probably be launched next month before the National Assembly re-assembles on May 22.

Details of the loan terms are now being determined in the Ministry of Finance. The loan may have a gold or foreign exchange rate guarantee attached to it, but no definite decision has yet been taken.

The result of the loan will tend to prove or disprove M. Pinay's view that the tax evaders' amnesty considered by the Premier as the key measure of the budget is really effective.

M. Pinay's theory is that wiping the slate clean and increasing the penalties for offences in the future will encourage private citizens and business corporations to invest some of their hidden and expatriated capital in French industry or in State loans, since the amnesty will protect them against questions by tax inspectors about where the money came from and how its existence squares with their past income declarations or the absence of any declarations.

According to financial officials, tax evasion in France is widespread, but does not total as much as is often thought.

Expert but unofficial estimates of the amount lost each year through tax evasion vary between eight and 10 per cent of the present annual State tax revenue which is about \$600,000,000 francs. — Reuter.

Received By Pope

Vatican City, Apr. 14. The U.S. Marine Corps Commandant, Lt.-Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, and Mrs. Shepherd were received in special audience today by Pope Pius. — Associated Press.

London, Apr. 14. A change may soon be made in the name of the Royal title. The need for this was made apparent at the accession of Queen Elizabeth when four different versions were used in Commonwealth countries, three of them radical departures from the statutory title.

The present version runs as follows: By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

But when the accession was read after the King's death only Canada and South Africa used this form.

This shows, says Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, former Secretary of State for Commonwealth relations writing in the Nottingham Guardian, that a majority of Commonwealth Governments have endorsed the view, long held by some, that the official Royal title is out of accord with the realities of the modern Commonwealth, and alteration is overdue.

He says everyone agrees that Ireland should not be included in the title since the Irish Republic is no longer in the Commonwealth. In place, "Northern Ireland" should be substituted.

But the change could not be made without raising many other questions. Some Commonwealth countries for historical and religious reasons do not find the phrases "By the Grace of God" "Defender of the Faith" acceptable. But others are deeply attached to them.

Again, some Commonwealth countries such as Canada do not like reference to "Dominions" which implies that the United Kingdom has status different from other members of the Commonwealth. But on the other hand many people, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, deeply like the word "Dominions".

Mr. Gordon-Walker says there is also the problem of innovations in the Royal title that certain Commonwealth countries would probably press for.

QUEEN OF ALL. It is possible to get a good idea of these from the accession proclamations used in various parts of the Commonwealth. There is a tendency to emphasise that the Queen is Queen of all her realms, just as much of England as she is of Canada, Australia and South Africa.

There was at the same time another equally strong tendency to emphasise that the Queen is head of the Commonwealth. But that phrase does not figure at all in the present Royal title. What is to be done, asks Mr. Walker? It is essential that there should be Commonwealth agreement about the Queen's title. The Crown is the main link that holds the Commonwealth together, but it seems improbable that agreement could be secured upon a single title.

He offers a solution which he says may be rather revolutionary but which might meet the case. He says it might be called a "politically variable" Royal title.

This would be a generally agreed title which would permit any Commonwealth country to call the Queen its own Queen to do so.

"If the title were on the lines of the one used in the

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 14. The Military Commission, which is fighting Communism in the armed forces, announced today the arrest of 13 Army, Air Force and Navy officers suspected of sympathy with Russia.

Among those held, the Commission said, is Air Force Major Fernando Camara Olivera, son of Divisional General Edgard Olivera, commanding one of the country's military regions.

The newspaper O Globo reported that the Commission intends to intensify its investigation, centring its attention particularly on the Air Force. — United Press.

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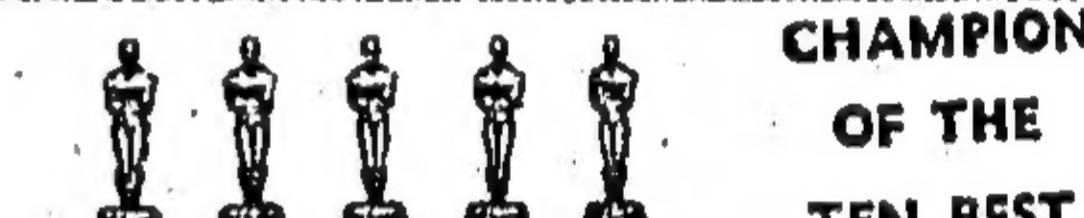
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Eden Makes A Party Point



Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, makes a point while talking with Mrs. Spofford, wife of Mr. Truman's Ambassador at Large. It was at the party to celebrate the third anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty.—London Express Service.

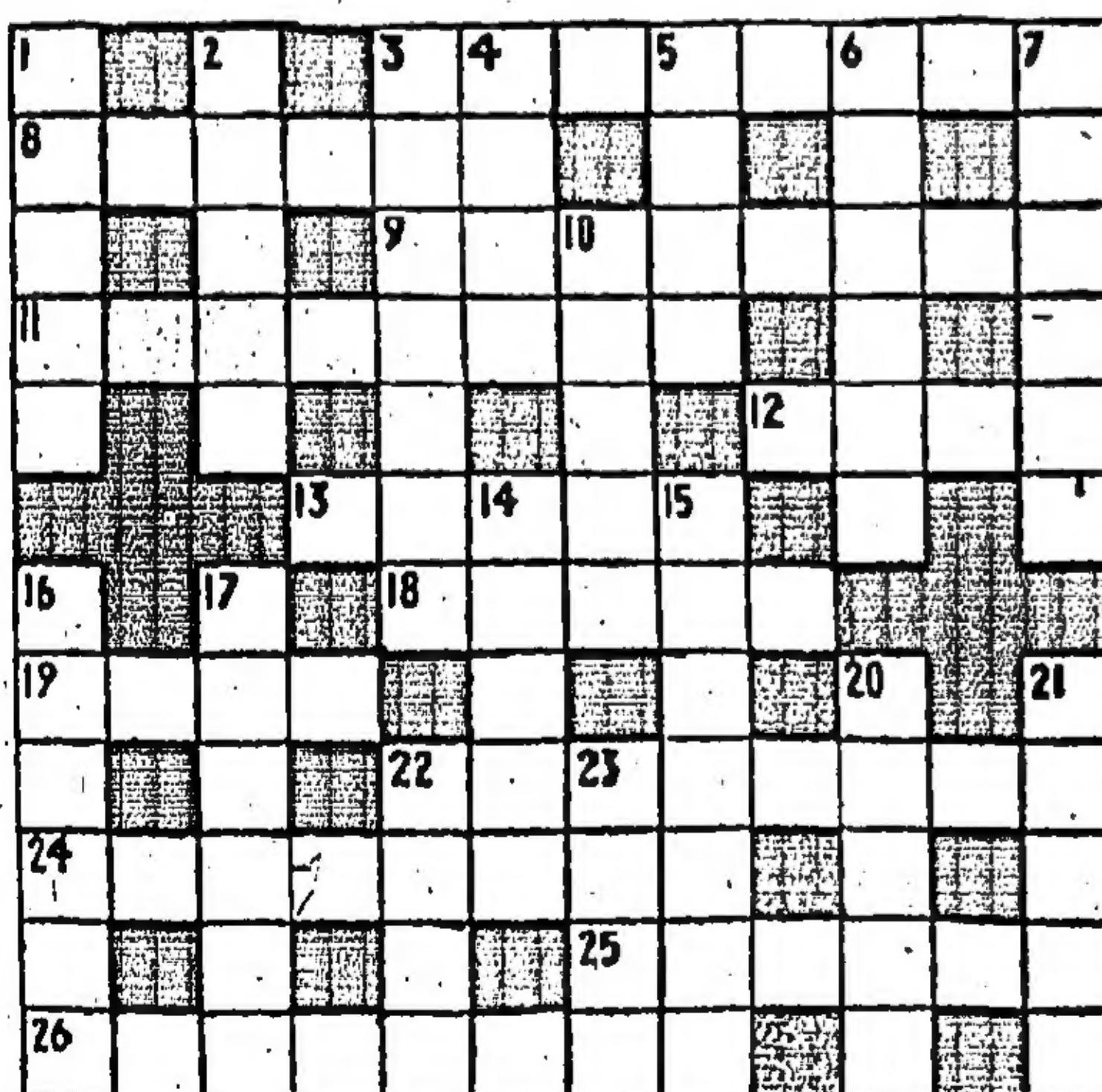
Peking Gets Ambitious

Paris, April 14. The Communist New China News Agency today announced that China is to train 500,000 technicians within the next few years for her industrialisation programme. The Agency said that the Premier, Chou En-lai, had issued a decree stating that China was now "actively preparing the ground for large-scale economic construction." It is estimated, the decree added, that nearly 500,000 technicians will be needed in five or six years. The decree said that technical institutes and schools "will be founded throughout the country to implement the training programme and that thousands of workers and peasants will be drawn into schools and classes."—France-Press.

Hospital Destroyed

Tokyo, April 14. Fire completely destroyed the main building of the State hospital in Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture. The authorities reported that no patients were injured.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Gets back (8)
- 8 Wrecked (6)
- 9 Cracks (6)
- 11 Arguments (8)
- 12 Walk up and down (4)
- 13 Smooth (5)
- 18 Enchantress (8)
- 19 Reverberate (4)
- 22 Matured (6)
- 24 Confederation (8)
- 25 Hard coating (6)
- 26 Unquelled (8)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Glintaca, 7 Creel, 8 Operator, 10 Nectar, 13 Traitor, 15 Sews, 17 Pesties, 18 Hovered, 20 Arid, 21 Resting, 26 Emerge, 27 Mcentine, 28 Liner, 29 Doorbell, Down: 1 Scent, 2 Mooc, 3 Gloat, 4 Mire, 5 Scien, 6 Stres, 9 Proper, 11 Error, 12 Tired, 14 Redem, 15 State, 16 Wyng, 18 Harmed, 19 Virago, 22 Smell, 23 Irons, 24 Gear, 25 Slub.

Difficult Problem Raised By Russian Note On Germany MAJOR HEADACHE FOR BIG THREE

London, Apr. 14.

When the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, returns from his Easter holiday, one of his major headaches will be the Russian reply to the three Powers on the unification of Germany.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, will share this headache with Mr Eden.

After prolonged consultations held in London and Paris over two weeks between the three Western Powers and Dr Adenauer, the reply to the original Soviet note was despatched on March 25. Any hopes that this reply would out-manoeuvre Soviet diplomacy appear to have been falsified.

Reports from West Germany as well as comments in London indicate that the Soviet note of April 11 is catching the German imagination.

Thus, an interpretative report from a British correspondent in Bonn said that the new Russian note was "as well timed and equally well-designed

to appeal to the people of Germany as the previous one on German unification."

The West German Social Democratic Party leader, Helmut Ollenhauer, described the Soviet note of April 11 as "a moderate advance on the note of March 10."

A Party statement said later that the new Moscow note "has shut no doors. To our way of thinking it offers a better chance of arriving at a reasonable solution of the German question than any sort of formalised doctrine."

(The reference to "any sort of formalised doctrine" is interpreted as being to the West German Chancellor, Dr Adenauer.)

On Tuesday, April 14, learned sources said that the new note was "as well timed and equally well-designed

US Industry Hit By Jap Competition

New York, Apr. 14.

Japanese competition has brought American silk scarfs printing to the brink of financial disaster, the United States Screen Printing Industry complained in a petition for tariff relief announced today.

(The reference to "any sort of formalised doctrine" is interpreted as being to the West German Chancellor, Dr Adenauer.)

Low wages enabled a hand-rolled Japanese printed scarf to be sold in America for \$1 even with the present duty of 32% per cent.

An American-made scarf of comparable quality, but with the less desirable machine-rolled edges, must retail for at least \$2.

Employment in the American industry has been halved since Japanese competition began to be felt early in 1950.

The industry is expected to ask the Tariff Commission to recommend as a first step restoration of the 65 per cent duty which prevailed from 1930 until its reduction to 32% in 1951.—Reuter.

It is considered that the Russians had given the Western Powers a lesson in diplomacy.

This tone has, indeed, been somewhat reflected even in London comments. They indicate an undercurrent of feeling that the Western Powers have been outsmarted by the Soviet.

The London Times said that the latest Soviet note offers the Western Powers no easy way out of the difficulty in which the original Soviet proposal placed them.

CLEAR PURPOSE

It added that one clear purpose of Soviet policy in these exchanges was to offer the Germans an apparent choice between the Western alliance and the unification of their country.

This view is corroborated by a Bonn observer's statement that one of the first effects of the Russian proposal will be a re-action against Western plans for integrating Germany in the European army.

The Daily Telegraph sounded a warning that "the Western Powers must not allow themselves to be manoeuvred into a position where they could be plausibly represented by the Russians as the obstacles to German unity."

The Manchester Guardian said that the new Russian note "is in parts dishonest, ambiguous and unsatisfactory. But it should be considered very carefully."—Reuter.

Egypt Orders Purge Of Civil Service

Cairo, Apr. 14.

The Egyptian Government is drawing up decree laws which will set up committees to carry out purges of civil servants.

The committees, which are to have very extensive judicial powers, will investigate all cases of corruption submitted to them by the Government.

Each committee will consist of an Appeal Court Judge, a State Councillor and an Advocate-General.

The committees will have the right of arrest and of search and will be allowed to interrogate former Government members, high-ranking civil servants, businessmen, bankers and Members of Parliament.—France-Press.

Tunisian Nationalists Denounce New Cabinet

Tunis, Apr. 14.

The Neo-Destour, Tunisian Nationalist Party, today denounced the non-party government formed on Saturday by Premier Salah Eddine Baccouche.

"By its composition and by the conditions in which it was formed the new Ministry cannot benefit from the favour of public opinion," a Neo-Destour communiqué said.

"This Ministry, imposed by force in a manner without precedent in the annals of the Protectorate, will not be a Ministry of reconciliation and administration but of abdication."

The communiqué described the Baccouche Ministry as intended "to deceive public opinion and to influence the decision of the United Nations Security Council."

Made up of representatives without any representative character and moreover incompetent, this Ministry will

permit the resurrection of the direct administration of the country by the French authorities in the most scandalous and brutal manner.

"The Neo-Destour considers that the new Government is not in any way qualified to act for the country, either on political or administrative planes."

The communiqué added: "The French Government's plan of reforms as a basis for discussion, maintains its already defined position of refusing all participation in the Franco-Tunisian Mixed Commission. The Neo-Destour reaffirms its determination to pursue its action for its aims of national liberation and political democracy."

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SHIP'S SURGEON TO WED



Dr Elizabeth Champion, of Sydney, Australia, just returned to Britain from a voyage round the world as a ship's surgeon, is to marry a doctor. The wedding will be on April 19. The bridegroom is Dr Harold Frank Bassett, only son of Mr John Bassett, QC, a former Solicitor-General at Singapore.—London Express Service.

FRANCO & SALAZAR CONFER

Surprise Meeting

Madrid, Apr. 14.

It was reliably learned here tonight that General Franco and Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, the Portuguese Prime Minister, had met secretly near the Spanish-Portuguese frontier.

The meeting took place tonight at Ciudad Rodrigo, about 90 miles from the Spanish-Portuguese border. Premier Salazar arrived at the town late this evening.

General Franco was waiting to receive him.

They are expected to stay the night at the Hotel Ciudad Rodrigo and continue their talks tomorrow.

General Franco is understood to be accompanied by his brother, Don Nicolas Franco, Spanish Ambassador to Portugal.

No Spanish Cabinet Minister attended the meeting, usually reliable sources said.

Nothing is known in Madrid of the subject of the talks.

DEFENCE PROBLEM?

But observers believed that Franco might want to talk defence questions over with Dr Salazar in view of the fact that both Spain and Portugal are concerned in the defence of the Peninsula.

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The communications speed-up has caused swift changes in public opinion, and statistical trends that formerly guided political estimates are now considered of little value.

Dr Salazar crossed the frontier into Spain by car this evening at Fuentel de Onoro. General Franco arrived in Ciudad Rodrigo from the north of Spain where he had been fishing during the Easter weekend.

The meeting was a great surprise to Madrid political circles.

Mass Production Of Chinese Typewriters

Berlin, Apr. 14.

East Germany is preparing the mass production of Chinese typewriters, the East German news agency ADN announces.

The nationalised "Optima" office machine works at Erfurt, Thuringia, hope to deliver the first typewriters by the end of the year in fulfillment of a Chinese order just received.

The typewriters will be equipped with three type-setting cases, each containing 2,500 letter types, ADN says. The works must create new tools and instruments for this production.

ADN did not disclose the value of the order.—Reuter.

ALEXANDER TO VISIT PARIS

London, Apr. 14.

The Defence Minister, Field-Marshal Lord Alexander, is to leave for Paris tomorrow to pay an official call on General Dwight Eisenhower.

While in Paris, he will also see Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery and other high-ranking SHAEF officers.—Reuter.

Rival Claims In U.S. Race For The Presidency

"Ike" Favoured In New Jersey

Washington, Apr. 14. David S. Ingalls, Senator Robert Taft's campaign manager, today offered the Ohioan as the best vote-getter of all the candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

He pointed out that Senator Taft has polled more votes in the five primaries held so far than all the other candidates put together.

The Eisenhower camp retorted that the General's name was entered in only one of the primaries—New Hampshire.

Senator Herman Walker, a Republican Taft supporter, said that General Eisenhower's decision to return to the United States in early June was a complete repudiation of his previous pledge to stay out of politics short of a clear-cut call from the voters.

General Eisenhower, meanwhile, is a heavy favourite to win a sizable majority in Tuesday's New Jersey primary.

General MacArthur told Oregon voters that he is not a candidate for public office and that they would be wasting their ballots to vote for him in the State primary on May 16.

The MacArthur-for-President headquarters replied that the General's statement was one arising from modesty and that it does not lessen the strong possibility of his getting the GOP nomination.

On the Democratic side of the presidential race, Mr. W. Everett Huffman, the Mutual Security Director, said that he would consider it an honour if his friends in his home State of New York pushed him for the presidential nomination.

Meanwhile, Senator Estes Kefauver waged a one-day campaign in New Jersey where he is unopposed in the State's presidential preference vote on Tuesday.

At the same time, Oklahoma Democrats served notice that they would support Senator Robert Kerr as a "favourite son" candidate as long as the Senator continued to seek the presidential nomination.

NOVEL FEATURES

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General Eisenhower will on Wednesday start his farewell swing of the capitals of members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, "to say goodbye to old friends."

So far, he has arranged to visit Belgium on April 16, Holland on April 18, Oslo on April 20 and Copenhagen on April 22.

No plans or dates have yet been announced for visits to other NATO points.—United Press.

NEW YORK AIRPORTS CLOSED

New York, Apr. 14. Heavy fog closed down on both New York City airports on early this morning, causing cancellation of about 100 inbound and out-bound flights and the diversion of others to other cities.

Operations at Idlewild airport closed down at 6.20 a.m., cancelling or diverting 20 over-seas and 35 domestic flights.

La Guardia airport was closed for landings at 4.15 a.m., although intermittent take-offs were permitted after 9.45 a.m. in the ceiling lifted slightly.

Officials said that operations were expected to be back to normal shortly after noon.

A number of in-bound flights landed at Philadelphia or Washington.

Harbour fog also slowed ferry boats and held up six incoming ocean liners.—United Press.

INQUIRY INTO AIR DISASTER

Tokyo, Apr. 14. A Japanese Government investigation committee today held its first meeting to inquire into the cause of the Japan Airlines plane disaster on April 9.

Thirty-seven were killed when the plane

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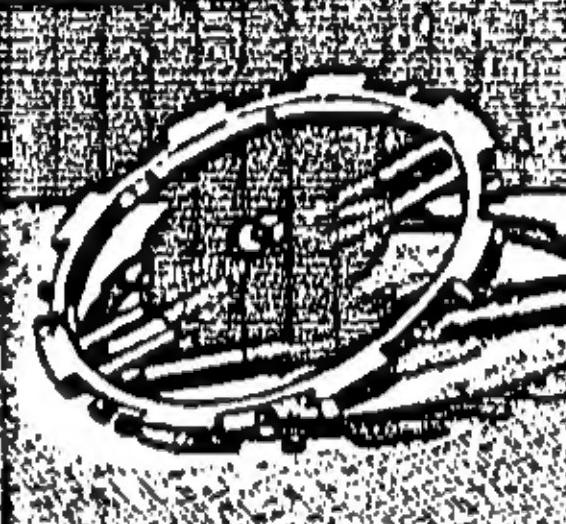
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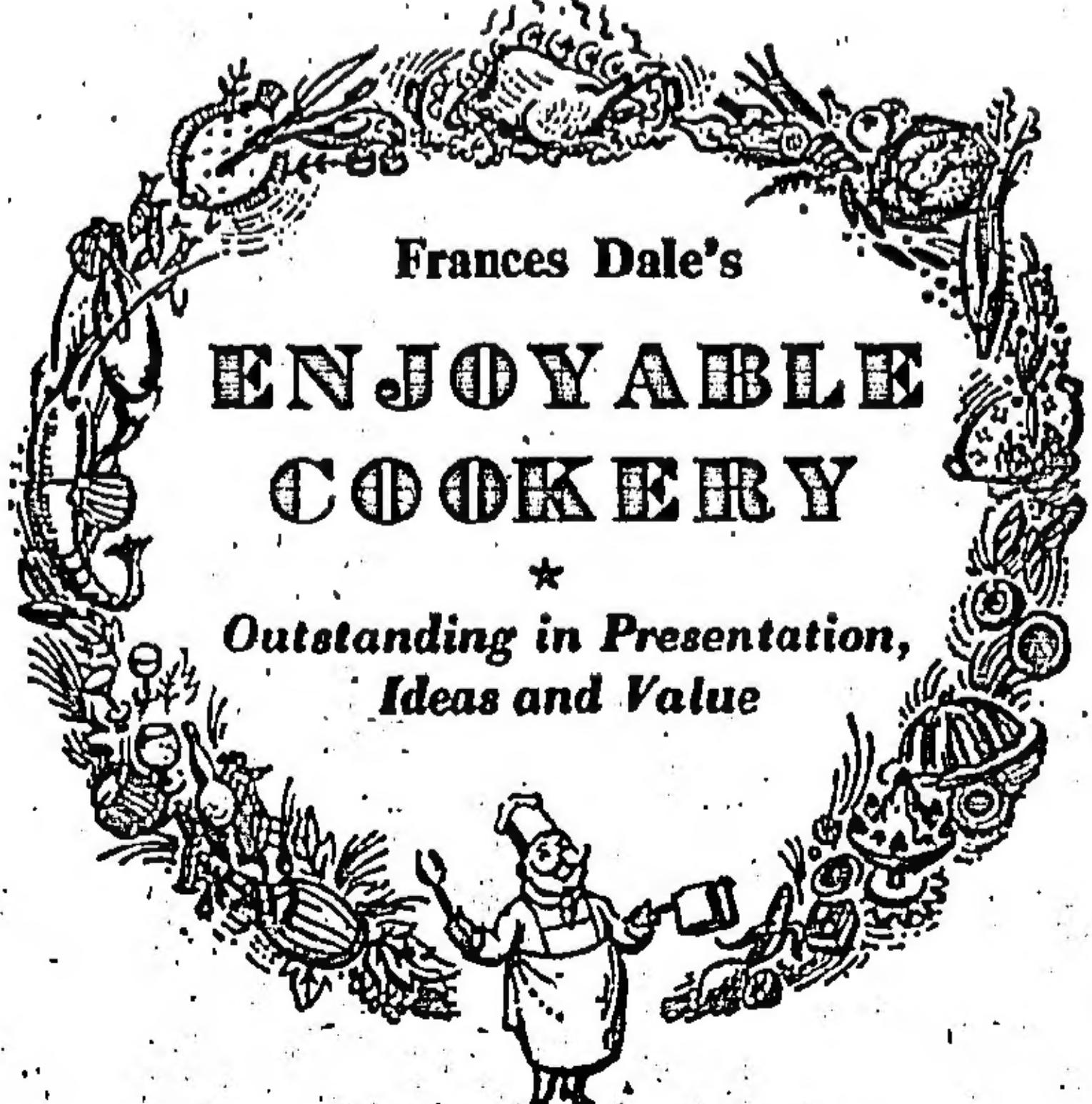
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AMERICA STRIKES BACK AT...

Geoffrey Bocca

reporting from New York, tells how G-men are trying to unmask the new leaders of the Ku Klux-Klan revival

BY arresting more than 30 members of the Ku-Klux-Klan in a series of swoops, America's Federal Bureau of Investigation has doused the Burning Cross in North Carolina, and the thunder of hooded night-raiders is temporarily silenced.

But there are fears that the terror of the Klan may flare up again elsewhere—in Tennessee, in Georgia, in Alabama, or even in the North in Illinois, where Klansmen recently cut a cross on the head of a negro girl.

Death Knell

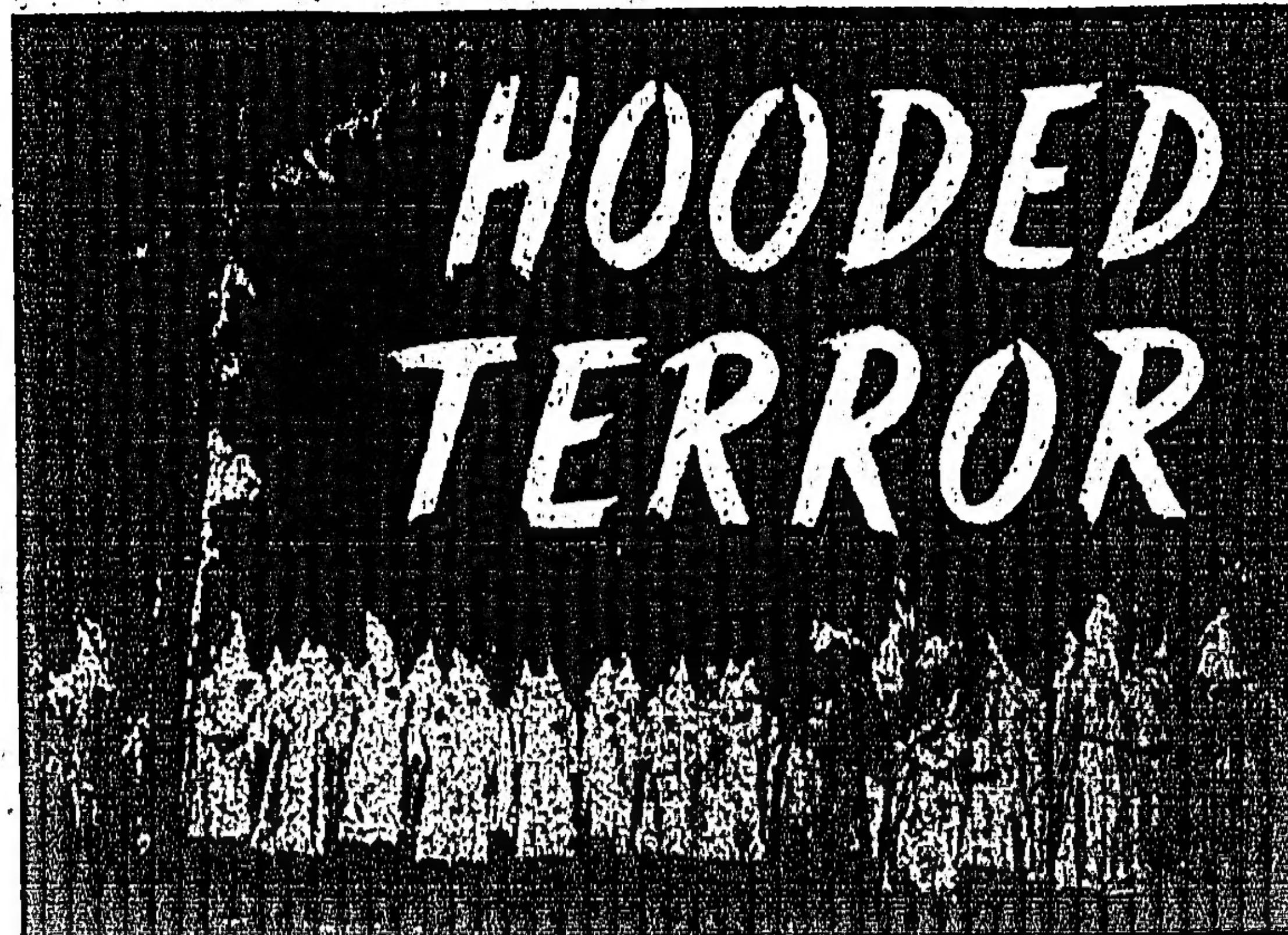
DESPITE legislation to suppress it, the Klan remains a powerful emotional force, and some believe it may be heading for the greatest revival in 30 years.

Even in the South, laws to confine the terror have been passed. In some States it is now an offence to wear a mask in public.

According to one sick and cynical old man in Atlanta, Dr Hiram Wesley Evans, "Imperial Wizard" of the Klan in its aggressive 1920 period, this important move could be the death knell of the Klan.

"It cannot live without the mask," he said. "Unmask it and it will die."

But so far there are no signs that the Hooded Men



are on their death-bed—or anywhere near it!

Since last August, when the "Klaliffs," "Kludds," "Kludds" and "Nighthawks" rounded up thousands of their Klansmen for a gigantic rally in Columbus County, North Carolina, more than 13 men and women, mostly white, have been flogged.

Outside Homes

THE blazing cross—symbol of the Klan—has burned before the homes of people on the black-list.

Klan leaders boast that millions pay the £4 membership dues yearly.

What, then, is the Klan? What is its power, its fascination and its strength?

It is a remarkable manifestation of a lunatic fringe conception of justice and morality.

The soldiers chose the name from the Greek word "kuklos," meaning a circle. The club quickly became aggressive. By 1869 it had degenerated into terrorism, and was disbanded.

G. WARD PRICE finds

South America the Land of the Future

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

AMONG the earliest perceptions of the European traveller in South America is the existence in the atmosphere of an unfamiliar element—something metaphysical, not material.

As regards plant and planning, the great cities that line the seaboard of the South Atlantic follow closely the pattern of Europe—though exceeding it in lavishness of equipment and natural beauty of site.

But their contrast with the countries of an older civilization cannot be accounted for by multi-storeyed hotels, palm-lined avenues and perpetual streams of sleek American cars. The difference is psychological. It arises from the fact that in the minds of the South American peoples there is no subconscious war anxiety. They still enjoy the serenity that Europeans lost nearly fifty years ago, when the imminence of the first Great War began to colour the background of our minds with a gloomy apprehension that endures to this day.

Empty Ocean

Factors that thus enable these South American countries to face the future without fear are six thousand miles of empty ocean, immense natural resources, a climate that will grow anything, and a mighty neighbour in the United States, pledged to provide "hemispheric defence."

One consequence of the war was to produce a strong tendency towards urbanization in these South American states. They were cut off from the supply of manufactured goods that they had always bought from Europe.

To make up this deficiency they started factories of their own, and large numbers of country dwellers were enticed into the big cities by higher industrial wages. Now that international

trade is gradually reviving, these enterprises useful as a wartime measure, are proving uneconomic. Meanwhile the city-bred proletariat has been dangerously increased at the expense of labour supplies in the agricultural and cattle-raising areas in which the real wealth of South American nations is to be found. As a counter-measure, no new settlers are allowed within 100 miles of the Argentine capital.

Thus, though the situation of these Latin-American nations appears at first sight enviable, civil forces are at work whose effects are growing increasingly visible in this far-off and favoured continent.

Cost Of Living

The cost of living in Brazil is five times what it was when the last war started. The Argentine is suffering from a drought which has lasted nearly three years. She will be short by one quarter of the 200,000 tons of meat which her government had agreed to send to Britain on April 23. In consequence, the Argentine will get less oil and coal from Britain as payment for these purchases. The Buenos Aires power station may take to burning maize fuel, as it has done before.

And, besides one meatless day a week in the Argentine—where fifty millions of cattle used to thrive on the rich crops of lucerne that in normal times spring up as quickly as they are consumed—the national wheat harvest is so diminished that, on reaching the quayside grain elevators at Buenos Aires, its deficiency in bulk will be made up by mixing it with millet or "canary seed."

Even little Uruguay, which one of the richest men in Europe some years ago assured me was financially the safest country in the world, is reacting to the economic uneasiness that prevails in the great states across her borders.

The microbe which has infected these once prosperous lands is the widespread bacillus of inflation. Till lately

the Argentine peso was worth 8d. The official rate of exchange is now 8d, though in the "black market" any quantity can be bought for 4d. But a would-be purchaser of sterling would find that his pesos were, for exchange purposes, worth no more than 2d.

Britons who have spent their working lives in the Argentine and now wish to return home in retirement, have thus become prisoners of the Argentinian currency depreciation—for the transfer of their resources out of that country would involve the almost complete sacrifice of their savings.

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Britons who have spent their working



"Homer! I've asked you not to sit in that chair."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

An article giving a list of the terrible humiliations married women have to endure omitted the most terrible of all. There are husbands who refuse to raise their hats to their wives' doors, when they meet them in the street.

"He cut full," you hear women say. Never mind, just misunderstand creatures. Buy yourself one of those abominable pincushions. Comb it, scrub it, pat it, trim it, and wear it for a prize at a dog show. If you get even an honourable mention, your husband will be so erized, with pride and re-

Partial apology

The Mrs Tuckstaff mentioned in the column "The Way We Live" with Appalachia's Honorary Circum Iron is, of course, not the Councillor H. T. Setwatt draft alluded to in Mr Worley's

column. Figures Development Scheme. No reference was intended either to "Baby" Neale or Commander Slattery. Any inconvenience caused in this bark by Mr. Worley, Mrs. Hurst, or Sir Edgar Setwatt is not for one moment regretted.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

BORN today, your talents need careful development from earliest youth if they are to bring the rewards which you naturally bear. You have a fairly complex nature, and one that is not easily understood except by those who are close to you. You have natural gifts for art and music. Yet you are eminently practical in whatever you do, and you understand the art involved in finding the right person with whom you will probably seek out another, better-paying profession and keep your creative gift as a vocation. Success may come, for your greatest success may come when you develop these particular gifts.

Interested in the occult and the mysterious, you still want proof for everything! You have a quick, alert mind, yet you sometimes do not use it enough. You are interested in people but you will also

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Look backward now and help others forward on the future for the best possible results.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't worry over things that may never happen. Keep busy and you'll have no time to fear anything.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Hold to a project if it is progressing according to plan. Don't let others persuade you to give up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—A fine time for a good family conference. Get things satisfactorily settled now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Plan your spring and summer wardrobe. There are bargains to be had if you search for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—A good time for study and re-

INTELLIGENCE TEST

MRS. COLDCREAM OBJECTS

By T. O. HARE

"I object," said Councillor Mrs. Coldcream. "I see that the boys should be so favoured at the expense of girls."

This was at a meeting of the Holmabine Education Committee. It had been proposed to award 10 scholarships to boys and girls of the county. Their total value was £1000. Each girl would receive £100, so many pounds exactly, and each boy £30 more than each girl.

Mrs. Coldcream pressed her point with such fervour that it was decided to re-negotiate the money. Each girl would receive 28 more than the committee had demanded. The boys' scholarships were scaled down accordingly.

How much did each boy, and each girl, receive?

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB-BELLS

WHAT IS RENT?

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EASY FOR THE FASTEST MAN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA



The coming Malayan season may prove that Stephen Xavier is not the fastest man in Southeast Asia, but for the time being he can lay claim to that title against the best of the Philippines and Taiwan and here he demonstrates how very much faster he is than anyone in Hongkong over the 200 Metres route at the Colony Championships at Sookunpoo.

Some yards behind him, South China's Wong Man-wan just nips W. L. McCall of King George V for second place. Bobby Ranch, second last year and fourth this time, is also in the picture. — Photo by Ross Miller.

RIGHT: The judges, you may see in this snap of the finish of the 1,500 Metres, are really worried, but the photograph bears out that Joe MacMahon was the victor against Lt. McCord; though both were clocked in an identical new Championship best time of 4 minutes 28.6 seconds. — Photo by Ross Miller.

BELow RIGHT: This was the Agony Parade — the final of the Women's 200 Metres. Second from the left is Rita Hall, who finished second after starting with a pulled muscle that was on the verge of healing up when she pulled it again. On the extreme left is Lam Kak-lan, who also pulled a muscle in this race, and finished third.

The most agonised expression, though, is on the face of winner Jennifer Hart, who must have coiled up all the spring in her system as she later equalled the Colony record in the High Jump, managing three inches more than she had ever done before in competition. — China Mail Photo.

PORTUGAL WINS INTERNATIONAL

By "GRANDSTAND"

The Softball season wound up yesterday when Portugal subdued Great Britain's bid for International honours as they emerged victorious 6-2 to retain the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd Shield, while China annexed the title by forfeit in the Women's Series when Portugal failed to turn out a full team.

In the men's section of the current International Series, Portugal outfit Great Britain for a well deserved 6-2 triumph. Vic Pedruco on the slab for the visitors tolled on the mound for the whole of the nine-inning stint and in addition to his achievement, also belted out three hits to aid his own cause.

Jock Brown and Kelly Silvano shared the hill assignment for the losers, Brown taking the first four and final innings while Silva-Netto fed the opposition a "change of pace" pitch for three frames.

Great Britain threatened in the opening stanza but failed to score as Dave Leonard grounded out with Langenberg stranded on third.

It was Portugal who opened the scoring when opening batter Stephen Xavier drew a walk and pilfered second and third bases in quick succession, and came trotting over the plate as shortstop Leonard misjudged a pop-fly to short left-field.

HUNT ASSAULT

The second chapter was a blank for the British side as they failed to solve Pedruco's smoke-balls, but Portugal unleashed a bunt assault and, aided by three errors, nudged those runs across.

Britain scored the first run when Erikzen singled and after he had worked his way to third base, Bimbi Ablong, 2nd base;

Gerry van Langenberg, 3rd base; Dave Leonard, shortstop; Buzzy Wade, catcher; Jock Brown, Kelly Silva-Netto, pitcher; George Saunders, M. Cooper, right-field; Unbe Mose, 1st base; Les Castro, centre-field.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

The facts behind the failure of the Portuguese ladies team to field a full team are still obscure, and no doubt an explanation will be submitted at a later date. The game was, however, forfeited to China according to the rules, under which the Series is conducted, irrespective of whether it was a tie-break or China's part to accept it or not.

This brings out a stranger than fiction position in which China has won the series without even pitching a ball, for they qualified for the final after Great Britain, too, had conceded a walkover.

There was no further scoring although the sides fought gamely up to the last out, and the holding gem of the day was

The Colony Athletic Championships

THE OVERTRAINED OUTRAN THE UNTRAINED AND SOME RECORDS DID FALL

By "RECODER"

The Colony Athletic Championships at Sookunpoo, started over the week-end of April 5-6 and concluded on Saturday, produced surprises innumerable, quite a few records and many very disappointing performances.

Inconsistency in performance is common even to the world's best athletes, and the slow times in the men's sprints at Sookunpoo are not difficult to explain. A comparison of independent timing with the official times and a study of photographs of the finishes do not suggest that the official timekeepers were wrong.

There was only one definite error and that was in the final of the Ladies' 200 Metres, in which the time-keepers caught both winner and runner-up in 29.1 seconds when a photograph of the finish shows that a good two yards separated them.

Lam Kak-lan was unofficially timed in 29.4 seconds in third place, which suggests that Rita Hall, who won second place by a foot at most, could not have been faster than 29.3.

The answer to the generally poor standard of performance at the Championships, excepting the few who were in form — Lo Wing-chuen, Bass, MacMahon, McCord, Coburn, Chang Yat-hung, Shek Wal-man, George Thumb, Chan Wal-chuen, Douglas Fothergill, Poon Ching-woon, Lam Kak-lan, Deborah Hurlbatt, Jennifer Hart, Rita

Hall and Fok Wing-shueing — lies in the fact that the others were overtrained or did very nearly no training.

Of those listed above, it may be said that Lo Wing-chuen, MacMahon, Lam Kak-lan, Deborah and Jennifer did well despite the fact that they were overtrained. They may have done much better if they weren't.

THE SUPERLATIVES

The greatest upset of the Championships was, of course, Gnr. E. Coburn's victory over S/Sgt. Peter West in the 5,000 Metres. Next to it were the victory of Army "B" in the 1,000 Metres Relay and Chang Yat-hung's victory over Lt. J. O. Cave in the High Hurdles.

The most unbelievable performance was Jennifer Hart's 4 feet 5 inches in the High Jump, which was genuine enough. She has never gone over 4'2" in competition or 4'4" in practice before and just missed at 4'6".

The greatest individual performance was either Joe MacMahon's double in the 800 and 1,500 Metres runs plus a winning anchor leg in the 1,600 Metres Relay or Jennifer Hart's victories in the 200 Metres and High Jump, second place in the Long Jump and fourth in the 100 Metres.

MacMahon's potentialities in the 400 Metres remain to be seen. He is one of the best corner-takers in the Colony and should be able to come under 54 seconds. He is also a fairly good long-jumper.

Jennifer Hart discovered only recently that she can also put the shot nearly 29 feet, and may well have been in the first four in all five girls' events had she entered the Shot as well.

Most improved athlete of the year is, undoubtedly, Deborah Hurlbatt, who 12 months ago had only one athletic victory to her credit — the Junior Girls' 50 Yards' Skipping Race at King George V School. Three months ago her best long jump was 12 feet 8½ inches and today she needs both hands to carry all her trophies.

Jennifer Hart ran with no success of the last Colony Championships, but she was still good enough to compete. Little Lam Kak-lan is also a Colony Championships veteran, though no finalist in any event last year.

THE NEWCOMERS

King George V School's Quentin Almao and W. L. McColl placed third in the 300 Metres and 200 Metres

respectively and have arrived in the local top rank, largely as a result of much of the clashing in these two events having taken place in the invitational meets they competed in. Bobby Ranch may have done better if he hadn't been nursing a football injury.

Cpl. D. J. Bass, second in the Army Championships of Boundary Street in the 440 yards in 50.2 seconds, is another arrival in the front rank. He ran his heat of the 400 Metres in 54.4 seconds and placed second in the final in 54.2.

Lo Wing-chuen finally broke the magical (locally) 53s, winning the 400 Metres final in 53.8 seconds after a heat in 54. Lemong Kao-po may have been a challenger to both if it wasn't for his first 400 in under 59 seconds in the 800' Metres race which preceded the 400. He had also run a heat of the 400 earlier in the afternoon.

In the field events, the surprise winners were 2/Lt. M. W. Wren in the Long Jump and Lt. S. H. Fothergill in the Javelin Throw.

A prize for versatility could not be offered to anybody else but Sgt. P. Deadman of W. L. Hatcher, who has made the season's

TOUGH ON THE JUDGES



THE AGONY PARADE



COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARIES

100 METRES

1. Stephen Xavier (HKSSA)	11.2	4. Hung Chen-keen (SCAA)	5. Hung Chee-yuen (SCAA)	6. S/Sgt. E. Halliday (Army)
2. Wong Man-wan (SCAA)	11.3	3. L. Bdr. Pawlowski (Army)	7. Cpl. Chittabhadur (Army)	8. S/Sgt. E. Hurlbatt (Army)
3. Quentin Almao (HKSSA)	11.4	2. Sgt. C. Snail (Army)	9. Gnr. Brooks (Army)	10. S/Sgt. Peter West (RAF)
4. Chang Yat-hung (SCAA)	11.6	1. Victor Lau (University)	11. Gnr. Coburn (Army)	12. Lt. McCord (Army)
5. Eddie Lauder (Army)	11.6	2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	13. Lt. T. G. Carpenter (Army)	14. Lt. Kau-kiu (SCAA)
6. Lung Kit-kei (HKSSA)	11.8	3. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	15. Sgt. A. Walker (Army)	16. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)

200 METRES

1. Stephen Xavier (HKSSA)	23.0	2. Sgt. P. Deadman (Army)	3. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	4. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
2. Wong Man-wan (SCAA)	23.7	5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	6. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	7. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
3. W. L. McCall (HKSSA)	24.1	8. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	9. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	10. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
4. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	24.3	11. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	12. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	13. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
5. Quentin Almao (HKSSA)	24.5	14. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	15. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	16. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
6. Shek Ka-lim (SCAA)	24.7	17. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	18. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	19. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)

400 METRES

1. Lo Wing-chuen (HKSSA)	53.0	2. Sgt. P. Deadman (Army)	3. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	4. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	53.2	5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	6. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	7. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
3. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	53.4	8. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	9. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	10. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
4. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	53.6	11. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	12. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	13. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	53.8	14. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	15. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	16. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)

400 METRES RELAY

1. S/Sgt. J. P. MacMahon (Army)	10.51	2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	3. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	4. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.51	5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	6. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	7. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
3. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.51	8. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	9. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	10. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
4. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.51	11. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	12. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	13. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)
5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.51	14. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	15. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)	16. S/Sgt. E. Handley (Army)

500 METRES

1. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.20	2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	3. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	4. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)
2. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	10.20	5. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	6. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)	7. Lt. R. B. Hobson (RAF)
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Home Soccer Review

MANCHESTER UNITED RETAIN THEIR LEAD WITH A CRUSHING 6-1 VICTORY

London, Apr. 14.

Manchester United retained their lead of the First Division in the Easter Monday English League soccer matches with a crushing 6-1 victory over another Lancashire club, Burnley.

The United, after being held to a goalless draw in the first half, piled on the pressure after the interval and completely dominated the game.

In London, the Cup finalists, Arsenal, kept themselves in the running for the Cup and League double with a fine 4-1 win over a depleted Blackpool who were without the internationals, Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen.

Another London team, Tottenham Hotspur, last year's League Champions, moved into third place by drawing 1-1 at Preston North End. The one point they gained brought them level with Portsmouth who lost 0-1 at Derby, but Tottenham take the higher position with a better goal average.

At the other end of the table, Fulham suffered their third reverse of the Easter week-end and now seem certain to be relegated. They lost 2-1 at Bolton and have only 22 points from their games—three less than Huddersfield who were without a game today, and five less than Stoke City who were beaten 4-0 by Charlton. Each team has three more games to complete the League pro-

gramme.

WEDNESDAY LEAD

Sheffield Wednesday took over the frequently changing lead of the Second Division from Birmingham City. Sheffield, at home to Bradford, won 2-0 while Birmingham, who visited Cardiff, were beaten 3-1. Their positions with 50 and 49 points respectively are not yet secure for Notts Forest, who drew with Leeds United, have 47. The United, with a game

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SIXTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 26 April, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 10 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Comptador Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 25th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptador Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptador Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffs will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

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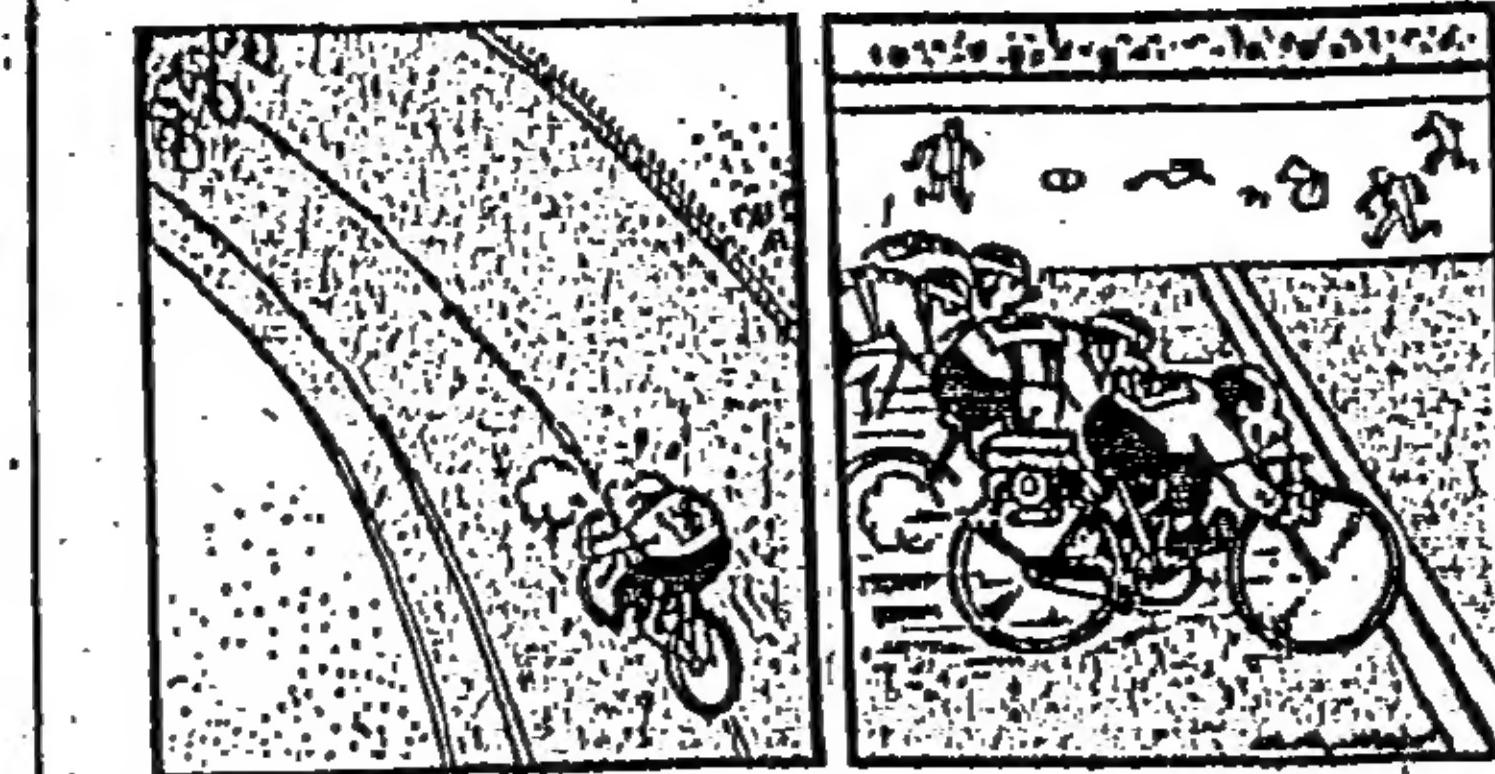
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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. M. MIA,
Secretary.



Victorians Become First Holders Of The Peglyn Faber Cup

By "OBSERVER"

The Victorians became the first holders of the Peglyn Faber Cup when they emerged Champions in the Ladies' Seven-a-side Knockout Competition at King George V School ground yesterday.

Presented by Mrs S. E. Faber in memory of her daughter, Peglyn Faber, the cup was competed for by no less than 10 teams, and the triumph of the Victorians was a fitting tribute to their founder, centre-half and captain after whom the trophy was named.

The tournament reached an exciting conclusion with the final between the two traditional rivals, the Victorians and Gremlins.

The Victorians had eliminated King George V School "B" by 3-1 and the Little Flowers by 3-0, while the Gremlins' path to the final was gained by a 4-2 win over the Gremlins "B" and a close one-corner decision over the Dorlans.

INSPIRED GAME

The Victorians played an inspired game in the final, with every member of the team pulling her weight.

Even a hard knock across her shin by an opponent's stick did not stop Mrs Ann Sainsbury from finishing the game and seeing her team through.

On the whole they enjoyed a distinct advantage in being able to last the pace and in being able to hit the harder.

Most impressive among them were their goalkeeper, Jean Hynse, and their right forward, Claire Negus.

Jean Hynse saved at least two almost certain goals from the stick of Noelle Simmons, while Claire Negus' excellent stickwork and clever positioning enabled her time and again to draw the defence away from her other forwards and send them through with timely centres.

NARROW SHAVE

The Gremlins, after their narrow shave in the semi-final in which they just managed to beat the Dorlans by a corner, did not have the slaying power to carry them through in the final and depended on only Noelle Simmons, the ex-colony 100 yards record holder, for their goals.

Noelle did however, get through on three occasions and had the goalkeeper at her mercy, but hit wide one of these open chances and was stopped on the other two occasions.

The Gremlins were the first to be dangerous, when Noelle Simmons outstripped the defence, but ended up with a miss in the "D".

Victorians had their turn, when Lilian Brandt sent Adi Turnworth through with a good pass, only to see her being tackled in time by the goalkeeper. Victorians again missed another good chance as their three forwards advanced in line with only the goalkeeper in front, but Adi Turnworth's parting hit was brilliantly saved by Marjorie Muir.

The Gremlins' centre-forward, Noelle Simmons, was next in the picture, when she was through in a flash off a first-time pass by Marie Melville. With the goal at her mercy, she hit the ball wide.

NO MISTAKE

Just before the interval, All Turnworth cleverly drew the defence, and sent Claire Negus through on the right wing, who centred the ball across into the "D" to an unmarked Lilian Brandt who made no mistake with a perfect first-timer.

The Gremlins took the offensive on the resumption, but gradually gave way to the more cohesive movements of the Victorians who had the better part of the game for the next 10 minutes.

Two very good chances were missed by Claire Negus and one good shot was saved by Marjorie Muir at this stage.

Noelle Simmons got through on another two occasions but was brilliantly stopped by goalkeeper Jean Hynse, and the final whistle came with the Victorians the winners by one goal and two long corners.

DESERVING DORLANS

Deserving of special mention was the fine performance of the Dorlans in the tournament. They started the day with a 6-1

"A Place In The Sun"

Why should this film be titled "A Place in the Sun"? That is the great mystery. The book by Theodore Dreiser was, I gather, more suitably called "An American Tragedy."

Nothing in the film suggests that any of these characters forwent their share of the sun, although the voice in the trailer intones "Every child should have a place in the sun."

Perhaps the object is to show one what children can do in spite of having had a sunny place. Disconcerting, if so.

ANNONCE

This annoying film has an impudent, weak-minded, immature "hero"; a boy who has had a far sunnier place than a great many children, being the offspring of a particularly devoted mother.

Having worked in his young days in the unashamed roles of bell hop, lift boy and waiter, as is the custom for a large section of American youth to do, he is given a fair chance in a good business of his uncle's.

Perhaps the tragedy stems from the fact that he was brought up in a different class from that of his father's people. But a person with the instincts of George Eastman (Montgomery Clift) displays in spite of the advantages which have been his, would be pretty soft, whatever class of society brought him up.

Undoubtedly these things happen: a factory girl discovers she will be a mother by a man who plans to get rid of her and marry someone in a better social position and wealthier than himself, and whom he apparently realises he loves..

He promises to marry the factory girl but doesn't, and when carrying out his plan to drown her, hasn't the courage to do it. In the second half, Gremlins forced two corners and scored their goal through Sybil Groundwater off a pass by Marie Melville. Not the least discouraged, the Dorlans immediately retaliated and Vivienne Churn got past Betty Rose to equalise, and just then the final whistle blew.

In the semi-final, the Dorlans were just unlucky to lose to the Gremlins "A" by just one corner. They took the lead with one corner in the first half and had bad luck when one good goal was disallowed for offside.

In the second half, Gremlins forced two corners and scored their goal through Sybil Groundwater off a pass by Marie Melville.

But let there be no intimation that George Eastman didn't have his place in the sun; or, what it amounts to — a fair chance.

EXCEPTIONAL ACTING

Because of the reality of the story and the quite exceptional acting by Shelley Winters — the wronged and drowned girl — and very sound performances by Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor, it is a worth while film.

But let there be no intimation that George Eastman didn't have his place in the sun; or, what it amounts to — a fair chance.

THE TEAMS

Victorians: Jean Hynse, Joan Crighton, Doreen Handyside, Ann Sainsbury, Claire Negus, Lilian Brandt, Adi Turnworth, Gremlins "A": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "B": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "C": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "D": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

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Gremlins "E": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "F": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "G": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "H": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "I": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "J": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "K": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma Hill, Nina Ormond, Evelyn Alonso, Marge Rozario, Terry Norona, Irene Starkey.

Gremlins "L": Marjorie Muir, Betty Rose, Renate Kerr, Mary Elliot, Marie Melville, Noelle Simmons, Sybil Groundwater.

Dorlans: Gladys Mok, Alice Od, Margaret Fletcher, Beatrice Graves, Yvonne Od, Phyllis Little, Vivienne Churn, Linda Sohres, Norma



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GERMANS PLEDGE TO FIGHT NEW NAZI "FEHRER"

Hanover, Apr. 14.

Angry Germans crowded into beer houses today and pledged themselves, over foaming tankards and black bread sandwiches, to fight the new German fehler — General Otto Ernst Remer, and oppose the rebirth of Nazism.

"Action committees" sprouted over the week-end throughout the cities, towns and villages of refugee-crowded Lower Saxony — stronghold of Remer's followers.

Eduard Wald, spokesman for the millions-strong German Trade Union League, said tonight: This "No-Second-Hitler Front" is now firmly established.

It includes democrats of all parties, youth leagues, organisations for Hitler's racial and political victims, and delegates from the Protestant and Catholic Churches.

Guitar shouts of "And high time too" greeted Wald's warning that the committees would unite for strikes, or any other counter-moves, if Remer threatened the state with violence.

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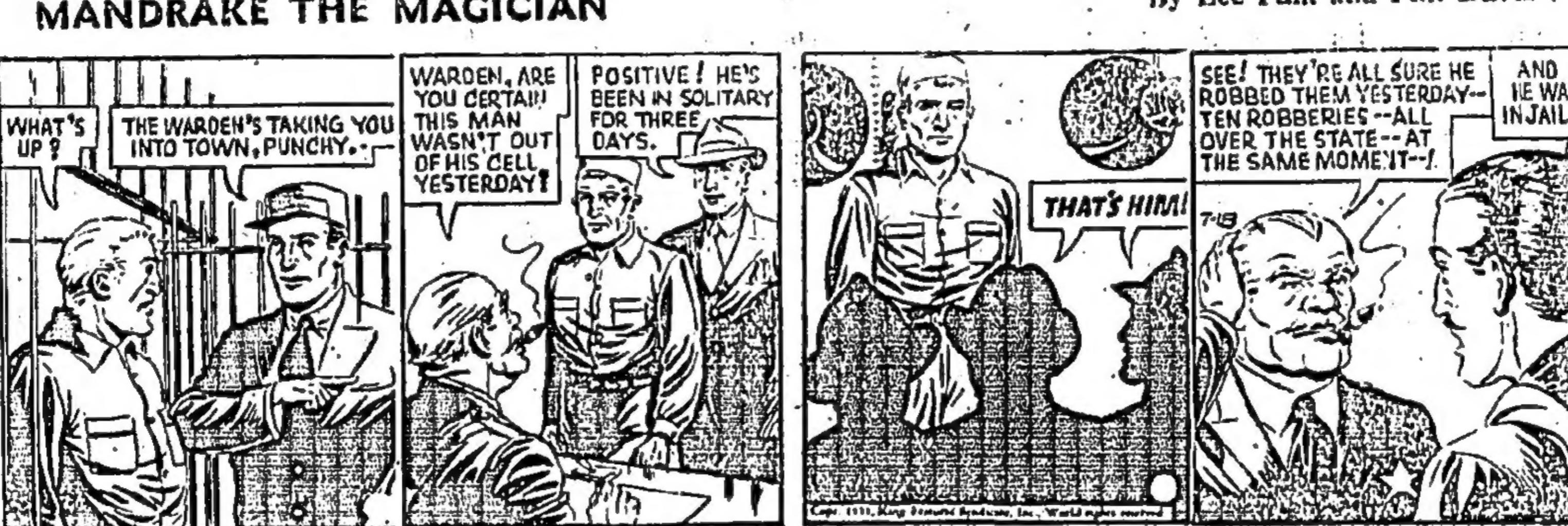
Arab Relations Improved

Damascus, Apr. 14.

The Chief of General Staff of the Syrian Army, Colonel Chichakli, today declared that his journey to Saudi Arabia had been a great success.

Colonel Chichakli, who headed a Syrian delegation which toured several Arab countries, returned today. The Colonel added that the talks he had had with Saudi-Arabian leaders had contributed to bringing about a strengthening of the relations between the two countries. He paid a tribute to the hospitality of King Ibn Saud. —France Presse.

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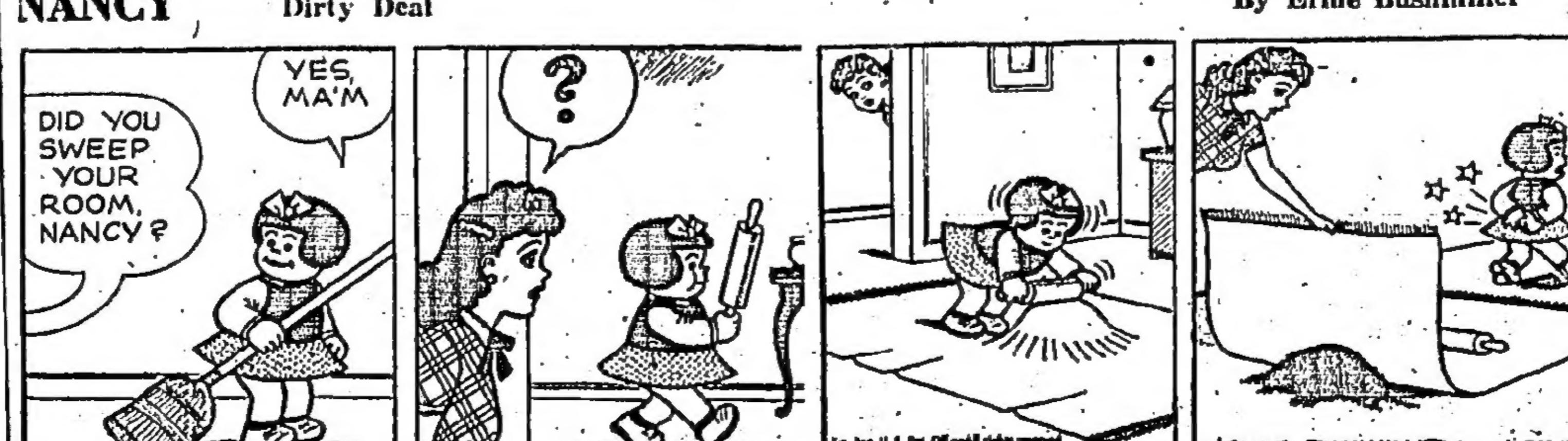
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Commonwealth Oil Output Shows 30 Per Cent Increase

London, Apr. 14.

The recent estimate by Petroleum Information Bureau that Commonwealth oil output for 1951 was almost 30 per cent greater than in 1950 makes a cheerful reading.

For not only does it reflect the vigour with which the oil men are going to work in all parts of the globe, but it also augurs well for future increases in oil production.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE RECEIPTS

Tokyo, Apr. 14. The Bank of Japan announced today that Japan's foreign exchange receipts in the fiscal year ending March 31 totalled \$2,409,000,000 against payments of \$1,844,000,000, leaving a surplus of \$564,000,000.

The picture, however, is not so rosy as it appears.

The surplus included \$231,000,000 in Pounds Sterling, which cannot be spent profitably for some time because British prices are definitely higher than American prices.

Also included in the surplus is \$144,000,000 receipts from the open account areas. This \$144,000,000 is not actually cash but figures on the books. Open account business requires balancing of both way trade and such a surplus cannot be spent profitably either.

Actually, Japan's foreign trade balance was in the red.

The \$2,409,000,000 receipts included \$1,003,000,000 from the special procurement business for the Korean war and U.S. forces in Japan, as well as souvenir rations to Allied soldiers in Japan. —Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 14. Stock exchange prices showed a marked downward trend today. Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:-

30 Industrials	204.10
20 Ralls	92.18
15 Utilities	49.34
40 Bonds	175.63

—United Press.

Big Project In Wales

London, Apr. 14. A British company hopes to recover 100,000 tons of iron, as well as large quantities of zinc and lead, during the next 20 years from huge, unsightly dumps left by smelter works on the outskirts of Swansea, in Wales.

With the levelling of the mountains of slag, sites will be cleared for light and heavy industry.

A newly founded company, Western Metallurgical Industries, Ltd., is erecting a huge rotary kiln and other equipment bought in Belgium. It plans to employ about 240 men on the treatment of 1,500,000 tons of slag in the next 20 years, recovering 5,000 tons of iron a year. —Associated Press.

LOANS TO EMPIRE COUNTRIES

Washington, Apr. 14. Australia has asked the International Fund in Washington for a loan, believed to be \$300,000,000.

The loan, which will be repaid quickly, is made necessary by the opinion of the Dominion's finance experts, by the recent Australian trade crisis, which has led to a grave dollar shortage and drastic import cuts.

The period for which the loan will be granted will probably be from two to five years.

At the same time, high officials of the International Fund were hinting in Washington that another loan for a like amount will soon be granted to a second British Dominion, and there were even guarded statements from some reliable officials that a \$300,000,000 loan would be made to the United Kingdom itself.

This last suggestion was promptly denied by a British Treasury official, who confirmed the Australian transaction but added: "Britain has not made any request for a loan and I know of no plan to do so."

A PURCHASE

But International Fund men still indicated that they thought that Britain might ask for a loan as a means of stemming the adverse balance of payments and the heavy fall in her gold and dollar reserves. The Australian transaction will be called a "purchase" with the "buy" the dollars with Sterling, and then, at the end of the agreed term, buy back the Sterling with dollars.

Although in the Fund's jargon this is referred to as a "purchase," rates of interest are involved, as in normal borrowing transactions.

These will be calculated on a rather complicated sliding scale, ranging from one half of one per cent upwards to 3½ per cent. —London Express Service.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 14. Wheat futures closed 3½ to 5½ lower and soybeans 3½ to 5 lower.

Wheat	Price per bushel
Sep.	2.42 nominal
Oct.	2.47 nominal
Nov.	2.41 nominal
December	2.36½-2.41½
January	2.40-2.40½

Corn	Price nominal
Spot	1.87 nominal
May	1.83½-1.84½
July	1.70½
September	1.70½
December	1.71½-1.74

Rye	Price nominal
May	1.02½
July	1.02½
September	1.02½
May	1.02½
July	1.02½

—United Press.

New York Rubber Futures

New York, Apr. 14. Prices of rubber futures closed 10 to 30 cents higher, with sellers reserved pending news from the primary markets.

September	34.40 nominal
October	34.00
November	33.70 nominal
December	33.30 nominal
January (1952)	33.10 nominal

—United Press.

Copra Quotation

New York, Apr. 14. Copra was quoted today at \$130 per short ton, nominal.

Coconut oil was quoted at 9½ cents a pound, asking. —United Press.

—London Express Service.

Different Outlook In World Metal Markets Restrictions At An End

New York, Apr. 14.

The outlook in the world market for zinc and lead is very much different today than a year ago. Shortages, restrictions and rising prices then affected the market badly. Today the opposite is the case.

Buyers can purchase more easily and controls on waste have been lifted. In the principal markets of the world, prices have become fairly equal.

During the past few years, prices for lead and zinc in the free markets of London and New York.

Today, offers in the free markets of Europe may be higher than the controlled prices but not by more than \$10 above the official price for zinc in London and not more than 25¢ higher than the official lead price.

American official prices for lead and zinc are still under review in Europe. Considering the shortage of American dollars, it is not surprising therefore that there is a premium on London quoted metals.

Similarly, European free prices have reached the level of prices fixed by the British Government, and North American prices are nearer to world quotations.

During 1951, world prices were higher than those in America and the zinc and lead production of Mexico and other countries in the Americas and coal were routed to Europe instead of towards the United States.

Now that prices are more or less flat, and because the United States has lifted customs duties on imports, Mexican and South American zinc and lead is again being sent to New York.

Restrictions on the size of private stocks and on the use of lead in the United States have now been lifted.

DEMAND FALLING

It prices continue to fall, however, customs duties would immediately be re-imposed and the knowledge that this will happen has reassured buyers and has encouraged American producers with interests in Mexico.

The demand for lead has been falling in the past few weeks. It is difficult to predict the duration of this slackness in the market since it depends mainly on the progress of industrial activity in the United States.

Unexploited lead mines in the world are not as great as those for other metals. In the United States, in particular, it does not seem that production can be greatly increased.

But high prices have caused lead to be replaced by less rare metals. This influences the present market and slows down any tendency towards rising prices.

The present price for zinc is much higher than in pre-war times, but the use of this metal has been stimulated by the development of modern techniques in the galvanic-plastic industry.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM

For the time being, the demand is limited, due to the shortage of steel and copper and restrictions on its use. These restrictions, however, are expected to soften shortly and future demand is expected to be greater.

The problem of copper is difficult. The shortage of copper is one of the greatest obstacles American industry has to surmount. Supplies, however, are expected to become greater during the second half of this year.

World production is increasing but consumption is expanding more rapidly and the trade in copper is not expected to be free from restrictions this year.

As for lead and zinc, copper prices in the free markets have fallen noticeably. This tendency, however, does not point to an early end of the shortage. The distribution of the metal regulated by the international conference on raw materials in Washington has permitted most countries to fulfil their requirements at world prices.

Considering the present uncertainty prevailing in world markets, buyers are now unwilling to buy copper at any price. This accounts for continual falling prices.

Recent news from Chile mentions the possibility of an import tax of six cents per pound on copper if this law is enforced, it will certainly cause a further fall in world prices for copper. —France Presse.

NY Pepper Market

New York, Apr. 14. World sugar futures closed 8 to 10 cents higher with sales totalling 104 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 8 cents with sales totalling 214 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May 4.20 bid

June 4.20

September 4.20

November 4.21

Spot 4.21

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Exchange Rates

New York, Apr. 14. Business was done in the local unofficial market at the following rates:-

